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EDITORIAL

Take the good with the bad

Just look around and really look. Anyone can see that the world we live in these days is a far cry from being a bed of long-stemmed red roses.

In fact, the world today may at times seem as beautiful as the rose, but even the rose has its share of thorns-- its share of unsolvable problems and unanswerable questions-- its share of the God-forsaken NEGATIVE.

One of the major functions of a newspaper-- perhaps THE main function-- is to "tell it like it is." And if what we see around us is not all peaches and cream, we surely are not going to give the readers peaches and cream.

Granted, Mary Washington College has a wide assortment of GREAT things on this campus. But face it, kids, it also has a wide assortment of BAD things too. That, my friends, is a fact of life that even the most well-meaning person cannot get around.

As with any newspaper, we are here to relate to the rest of the student body all the Who's, What's, and Why's of what is going on around them-- what they may already know as well as what they may have no idea about. If some of those campus events, whether a planned group meeting or an unexpected accident, taste of the negative side of life, we are not to blame. We are trying to relate such events in the accepted, objective manner inherent in the tradition of good journalism.

This campus, as inevitable in any community where variety reigns, is no exception to the rule that along with the Good comes the Bad. Nowhere this side of Heaven or Hell can boast of being totally one or totally the other.

In trying to fulfill this paper's purpose on this campus, we have tried and will continue to try to show both sides of the coin in our news and feature stories. But while objectivity may be a main goal there, the subjectivity of individual opinion is inevitable in columns, letters, and editorials. Perhaps here, more than any other place in a newspaper, the negative reigns-- for someone is always trying to win the reader over to another side or open the reader's eyes in one way or another.

Newspapers prove again and again another forum for the political-- another soapbox for the opinionated-- another mountaintop for the leader. The press can be manipulated just as the press can manipulate. We, just like any other form of media, do not like being anyone's handpuppet.

We give it all we can to show the reader the whole truth-- to inform so they perhaps will form their own opinion on the facts presented to them in a hopefully unbiased way from a straight news or feature story. We show the Good as well as the Bad because it is there and we cannot avoid it.

--Bethanne Daughtrey

Party thanks Congratulations

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the MWC students who helped make our Halloween party for the Rappahannock Big Brothers-Sisters/Little Brothers-Sisters a success.

The kids had a great time trick-or-treating in the residence halls, and we thank the many halls that participated.

Special thanks goes to Madison Hall for all the hard work that went into the haunted house.

We really appreciate all of you taking time out from an already busy weekend to help. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,
MWC Circle K

To the Editor:

The Mary Washington College Young Democrats would like to congratulate Paul Trible and the College Republicans on their recent senatorial victory. We would have preferred Dick Davis as the winner, but we wish Senator Trible the best of luck in his new position. Again Congratulations.

Sincerely,
Mary Washington College Young Democrats
Leslie Bellais, President

Cover photographs by Victor Griffin

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LETTERS

Questioning the 'suitcase' label

To the Editor:

We wish to respond to the feature in the November 2 *The Bullet* that dealt with the "suitcase campus" image at Mary Washington.

One of the primary concerns of the SA Executive Cabinet this year is the image Mary Washington has, both to our fellow students who attend here and at other schools in Virginia and across the country. Through work in the Virginia Student Association (VASA) and the American Student Association (ASA), MWC has achieved a significant position of participation and leadership. Yet we are not only interested in student "government". The total welfare of the campus should be of importance to every one of us, and the suitcase argument is a major element of that.

Is Mary Washington a school that turns into a ghost town on the weekends? While it is the consensus of the Cabinet that this is not the case, the question does need to be addressed. We feel though, that *The Bullet* was not as comprehensive in investigating this issue as it should have been. On the one hand, there was a very in-depth treatment of the opinion supporting the suitcase idea. A number of students holding this view were interviewed, and their comments published.

There seemed, however, to be less coverage of those students who feel the weekends at MWC are more lively. If they were consulted, it was not apparent in the article.

The Bullet should be congratulated for concentrating on a situation that is timely and relevant.

to MWC. It is our hope that future reports on this subject will be more evenly balanced, to fully represent all sides of the suitcase issue.

Sincerely,
The 1982-83 Executive Cabinet:
Anne Thompson
Scott Harris
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Editor's note: Ms. Daughtrey and Ms. McDonald interviewed a large number of students for their article. We are sorry to report that students were chosen randomly and the reported consensus was objective and accurate. It would have been difficult to simply spot students who consider the weekends here "lively" and, of course, would have led to a partial, biased article.

It doesn't have to be that way

To the Editor:

Mary Washington a suitcase college? It doesn't have to be. Writing on behalf of the member organizations of the College Program Board I would like to respond to *The Bullet* article dated November 2, entitled "Everybody's working for the Weekend".

The College Program Board consists of representatives from the Student Association, Class Council, the Entertainment Committee, Film Committee, the Inter Club Association and the Association for Residence Halls. Our purpose is to coordinate and schedule campus social and cultural programs to fulfill the entertainment needs of the campus community. We are fulfilling these needs to the best of our ability. Each of these member organizations sponsor a number of events throughout the school year. In addition to the usual keg parties and movies, there are frequent drama productions, pub entertainment,

athletic events, and other cultural programs scheduled throughout each month.

As previously stated, the CPB member organizations try to have a well-rounded schedule of campus events. We feel that there are a good number of events sponsored during the week and on the weekend. However, it is up to the individual students to take advantage of these events.

We realize that Mary Washington grows, increased activities are necessary to meet the growing demands for more varied events. If students have any comments concerning future programming activities, please feel free to contact any member of the College Program Board. We will be more than happy to hear your suggestions.

Sincerely,
Susan Jones,
Chairman of CPB

Condemnation not in line

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the column by Jim Emery in *The Bullet* (11/2) concerning our campus Judicial system.

While Jim Emery made several interesting points concerning updating our judicial rules on campus, I feel it is important to point out some of the gaps in his reasoning. First, Mr. Emery makes the point that some halls treat judicial violations more seriously than others and that some students face more "serious consequences" for violations than others. This simply is not the case. In fact, all students that come before the Judicial Court are treated equally by their peers.

What Mr. Emery may have meant to point out is that a judicial violation will mean more serious security consequences in Russell Hall than in Jefferson Hall. Due to Russell's location and the fact that Jefferson is coed, the difference in security is understandable. I hope this is what Mr. Emery meant when he pointed out the difference between the two.

Mr. Emery also points out that our Judicial System is like a sinking ship going "down for the third time." I would hasten to disagree with him. In fact our Judicial System has served us quite well. Our campus is probably one of the safest in the Commonwealth. I have visited a number of campuses in my capacity as Lobby Chairman and have found very few to be as safe as Mary Washington. While our system does have serious flaws, I see no reason to condemn it. Instead, I would urge Mr. Emery to take an active role in working with Wendy Burnette, Campus Judicial Chairman, in correcting the problems.

As a concerned student I have serious problems with Mr. Emery's assessment of our Judicial system's current status. I would urge him, as well as all other students, to take an active part in correcting it's shortcomings and working for a better system.

Sincerely,
Dan Steen, Jefferson Hall

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COVER STORY:

MWC shows shades of life

by BETHANNE DAUGHTREY

Variety. It comes in all shapes and sizes. The word applies to just about anything--from milk cartons to jeans to people.

Take a quick look around. Even on the MWC surface, variety shines through. In the lunch line. In the bank. In the classroom. Students in battered jeans and worn-out t-shirts. In neatly pressed kelly green corduroys and button-downs. In sweatshirts and bandanas. In mini-skirts and ankle boots.

Even in the rain, the diversity of styles and probable attitudes splash through. Brightly-colored golf umbrellas. Duck shoes and rubbery slickers. . . . And then the unprepared or uncaring set-books held above head, gingerly skipping mud puddles. Or the carefree, drenched-look -- at a leisurely pace through the raindrops.

In the classroom--the slouchers and propped-feet crowd who listen to the lecture as if they were watching a television show. The energetic students who sit postured, ready with pen in hand. The arguers who sit cross-legged with an almost-empty notebook relating aloud every bit of the lecture to their own personal experiences.

Even in the cramped conditions of a kegger, variety can add a touch of spice. The usuals--hanging out by the beer pumps to see how many they can down before 9:00 pm. The lookers--searching for that "perfect find" with a glazed stare in their eyes and a sly grin. The groupies--sticking close to friends all night, usually in a circle.

From one side of campus to the other, variety sets in and each lifestyle finds its niche. The Pub is for the carefree and their skillful game of quarters. The library for the next day test-takers, last-minute researchers, and those who prefer quiet. Residence hall lounges are for the television buffs--soap-opera addicts and sports fans. Ball Circle is for disc throwers perfecting their skills and sun lovers clinging to their tans.

Variety, as they say, is the spice of life. And variety is just what MWC has. Like anywhere and everywhere, this campus proves no different.

Even in the college's sometimes isolated atmosphere, students experience the inevitable differences of every society. Beyond the classroom, this cross-section of different lifestyles also teaches--look around and learn.

Student on the BOV

Looking from the inside out

Student Association President Anne Thompson is the first student ever to hold a seat on the MWC Board of Visitors, the policy-making committee of Mary Washington College. Her reactions to her position and hopes for MWC as a result of the change are as follows.

by ANNE THOMPSON

Since 1977, the Mary Washington College Student Association has actively pursued representation on the Board of Visitors at the College. After five years of work, which included lobbying in the Virginia General Assembly and cooperation with other state schools, legislation was finally passed last April permitting representation. The MWC Board of Visitors Approved the appointment of the Student Association President to the Board in July.

As students at MWC we should be proud of this accomplishment. If it were not for the responsibility shown by our student body in the last few years, it is doubtful the Board would ever agree to such a step as student representation. Only with this show of responsibility were we able to prove to the Administration and Board that we are a group with worthwhile ideas.

Being a student representative to the Board has proven a difficult task. The BOV is a dynamic group-

each member bringing a wealth of background to his/her job. The Board looks to us to present student opinion on a wealth of matters, ranging from food services to housing. I have attempted to present student opinion in a clear manner, while understanding that much of what the Board decides has serious, long-range effects.

The duties of the student representative are still in the developing stage. An addition to the Board such as this takes time to get used to for everyone. The perspective of the student is unique, in that the person is the only one attending the college currently. So, while the student has much to offer, it takes some time for everyone to become accustomed to the new position.

In speaking with other students I have found some skepticism as to the eventual effectiveness of the position. This is an understandable reaction, as I do not have a vote. I am however highly optimistic that the position can be an effective one for both the students and the school.

The Student Association's original intent in pursuing the post was to gain a direct voice to the Board. There is little difference we can make in actual voting, as the student is only one of thirteen members and the votes are rarely close. We can, however, make a difference in presenting student input to the Board. They often use our advice and always value our contributions.

If there is a later step towards a full-voting member it should be made after carefully considering our future impact on the Board. We have developed a relationship with our Board that is among the best in the state. Any future changes in this relationship should be carefully considered by the student body.

We are off to an excellent beginning with the Board of Visitors. While we have a long way to go in improving the effectiveness of our voice, the new position is an unparalleled opportunity for involvement in the administration of Mary Washington College.

BOV faces full range of responsibilities

by SARAH KOSAK

When students hear "Board of Visitors", they entertain images of elderly men and women closeted in a secret attic in George Washington Hall plotting the fate of the school. The BOV may plot the fate of the school, but they are neither old nor secretive.

The Board of Visitors at Mary Washington College consists of twelve people appointed by the governor of Virginia to "accomplish the purposes and mission and to promote the general welfare of the college."

Their responsibilities include appointing the President of the College, setting salaries of professors and other personnel, establishing admission policies and tuition/fee levels. In addition to these duties, the BOV is responsible for making curriculum changes, leasing and selling school property, awarding degrees, authorizing the Honor system, administering Historic Properties, and finally, enacting needed policies and regulations for the operation of MWC.

The BOV consists of a Rector--who presides over the Board's meetings, a Vice-Rector and Secretary. MWC's new rector is Gail Neal. She was a graduate of MWC in 1957, and lives in Richmond. The Board's legal advisor is local attorney Russell Roberts.

The BOV has six standing committees:

-The Academic Affairs Committee sets educational progress policies. They discuss new degrees and majors and develop personnel policies.

-The Buildings and Grounds Committee takes charge of the maintenance of campus physical facilities. They follow "a campus master plan."

-The Finance Committee reviews the biannual budget and invests the school's funds.

-The Student and Alumni Affairs Committee is an active group who works closest with students. They oversee non-academic student affairs, and act with Student Association and Honor Council on behalf of the students. The committee periodically invites the officers of SA and Honor to meet with them to discuss student concerns. The committee works in a similar capacity with the Alumni Association.

-The Audit Committee is composed of the Finance Committee chairman, the Rector, and two Finance Committee members. They oversee the internal auditing mechanisms of the school.

-The Historic Properties Committee is entrusted with the upkeep of MWC's two historical properties: the Gari Melchers Memorial (Belmont), and the James Monroe Law Offices, Museum and Memorial Library.

The Board meets approximately four times a year, and the minutes of the previous meetings are available in Trinkle library.

The meetings of the BOV are "open" to students, but space is limited. SA Executive Cabinet members are usually allotted a certain number of people they can bring. If a student is interested in attending a meeting, contact an Executive Cabinet member.

The addition of a non-voting student member, SA President Anne Thompson, was approved by MWC's Board this year in an effort to increase student input in the decision-making process.

Advice to Freshmen does its part

By KATHY MCDONALD

The number of baffled freshman at registration next week will be considerably less than in previous years, thanks to the "Advice To Freshman" Program November 1.

The program was designed to give freshman an overview of the registration process and advice on course selection and advising.

The new program served its purpose well, according to Associate Dean for Academic Services Roy Weinstock. Students were given information about the tools and

materials needed to register, including track books and course catalogs. After the program, Weinstock said freshmen were able to ask more direct questions to his office about the specifics of course selection.

Of the 675 members of the class of 1986, 511 attended the program.

The Advice to Freshman will become a regular part of the registration process and freshman will continue to be introduced to the Academic Affairs Committee as a vital part of academic life, Weinstock said.



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STUDENT LIFE

Keg party victims stalk that perfect hangover cure

by CHUCK BOREK

It's Saturday morning, October 30th. Your mouth feels like the Russian army has camped on your tongue during the night. You ooze out of bed and begin walking toward the bathroom. Half-way there you realize that you're not walking, but crawling. When you reach the bathroom you find your head does not fit through the

door. After finally getting in, you begin to pray to the porcelain altar. You feel like the Niagara River is inside your head and the water keeps cascading down the falls and crashing to the rocks below. It's the day after Halloween. Good morning.

There's nothing like waking up to see who the hell keeps knocking at your door only to find out that what

you're hearing is your own brain banging against your skull. Drinking heavily at Halloween is kind of like electing the President of the United States, it's fun for a while, but later everyone feels like vomiting. However, the whole idea of the game is to avoid this feeling. Although many people like to drink heavily (especially at Halloween), very few want to taste their dinner twice.

Thus, the human race has invented a million and one hangover cures to help get you through days like this. Unfortunately, God has decided to play a joke on us: only one will work for each individual and you get to experiment until you find the one that works for you. Very few people have been able to accomplish this feat—most of those that have are 150 years old and live in Soviet Georgia (don't be fooled. Dannon yogurt has nothing to do with it).

One finds a wide variety of cures used right here at Mary Washington. Some people claim they don't get hangovers. Some relate that they just "let the feeling pass." Then there are those who like to "enjoy it while it lasts" (?). Kris Kabza, a recognized freshman authority on the subject, isn't quite so optimistic. When asked what he does when he has a hangover, his reply was "I stay that way." Poor guy.

"The secret," says one sophomore who requested anonymity, "is to stay drunk constantly, so that there's no 'morning after'." Fine advice to all but those who have any worth to the world. Although, I must admit, a continuous drunk seems enticing at times.

Marco Gutierrez, who is among those claiming never to have had a hangover, projects that he would probably "take two aspirins." "But," he adds, "I never get them and neither does my brother or sister or mom or dad. It must be something in our chromosomes." Marco obviously fails to recognize the possibility that this is due to the fact that no one in his family drinks.

Some cures are a bit more ambitious. Chris Barnett drinks "a jar full of fresh..." (well, some things just aren't printable). Glenn Birch says that the best cure is to "not drink" (boo-hiss). Paul Lewis, who requested that his name not be used, says he just "Stays in bed all day." Sharon Borkey "takes coke" (I'm assuming the liquid kind) and "a lot of extra-strength Tylenol." Come on Sharon, things can't be that bad.

Princess Moss, one of MWC's biggest boozers, just throws up a lot. Maxine Fowler seems to avoid hangovers because, in her own words, "I don't drink beer."

Right. My dad's the Queen of England

By far the most popular cure (at least in the world at large, if not at MWC) is the Bloody Mary: 1 1/2 oz. vodka, 3 oz. tomato juice, 4 drops Worcestershire sauce, a dash of salt and a dash of tabasco. If all else fails, you can always just drink heavily to forget the experience.

Look for THE VICEROY GIRL again next week.



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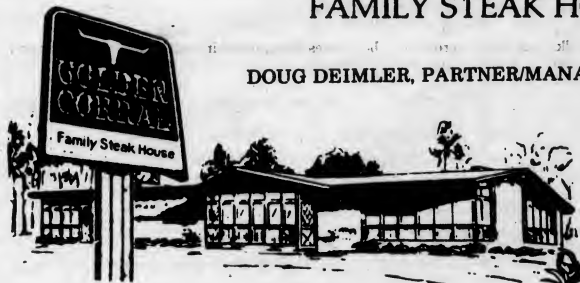
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NE BABER

Excuses run full force now

the last days of October pass the frosty weeks of November, multiply and term paper due creep up. More and more, it necessary to cut one class in to catch up on the work of other.

Although the date for your paper set months ago in the carefree of August—remember when could go to the Pub every night roadtrip every weekend? We skip classes until that holy, terrible hour of 5:00.

Excuses for cutting classes are and uttered by even the very students. Not even the attendance policy can stop these heard sound campus:

but I haven't missed a single days far, I DESERVE an extra hour's

With all of this reading I'm already going to class too!

standard time!!!! When????

but, I didn't wake up until 9:30 today morning—and I was in

not totesville!!

I'm sick. I SWEAR. Just look how I am. Honest.

FORGOT!!

Today is a Buddhist holiday-- no

as.

I'm protesting the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan but not attending

as this week-- have you no conscience??

I feel guilty that leads us to such

regimes--excuses?? Could it be

semester apathy? Are we too

for classes?? At times like this

classes can seem purely in

to that important research

ject or exam, sending a personal

etary or valet in your place

the perfect solution. Just so

me to take notes, participate a

and sign your name to the roll,

simple!!

EMERY

Let's stop complaining and start doing

would like to clarify some points in last week's column. In saying "Visitation violations have much serious consequences in well than they have in person," I was not implying that visitation is taken more or less in different halls. I do not see students in co-ed halls express respect for rules. Overall, I think Washington students are very compliant with rules. But back to the point. From my experience, girls' sex dorms seem to be more concerned about having a strange in the hall after hours than guys would be if a strange girl walked in the hall after hours. Because of the extremes, it is hard to establish overall punishment that is fair applicable to both dorms. I feel that administrators by different halls would reflect the particular needs and concerns of each

something we all agree on is that residence life rules, and therefore judicial system which applies are outdated and need to be changed. I have tried to point out inconsistencies I have noticed in

DARYL LEASE

Two cats and a phone call: Psychic violence is born

Brain damage?

I've considered it.

Ah, but whatever all this may mean, the horrors we sometimes endure won't soon be lost in illicit drugs or marathon viewings of *The Old Time Gospel Hour*. *Simple answers just won't do*.

As I write this, in the back hour of reality, David Letterman babbles across my television screen unfolding the complexities of our existence. Well, almost—but I do trust a man who says his behavior can be easily understood if one knows his father used to chase him with power tools. One could, of course, analyze this man's influences, try to discover what school of higher learning it was that he failed to fall asleep in. Are his roots in existentialism? Is he a nihilist? A Marxist comic guerrilla? Or does he just not get enough sleep? Who knows, who cares, and aren't you certain someone's going to tell you?

An interesting smart ass, this Letterman. Okay, so he's fond of taunting the ignorant, particularly those immigrant shopowners who haven't quite mastered the language. A troublemaker like, to be sure, but we must realize every great person in history has had a tube connecting his brain to penis. Mailer enjoyed a bad con, and Ann Landers recycles her letters. So give Dave a break: he has no respect.

Some people will claim that Letterman and other satirists do what they do because they are vicious, bitter, and egotistical. There are others who will propose that Letterman mocks his fellow man's lack of initiative and invention, their irresponsibility that permits them to

wallow in life peddling trash and stupidity for a quick buck. Behind the laughter evoked by good satire, say defenders, lies a lesson that ordinarily might be unheard, a lesson that might aid the curing of a sick society.

Perhaps the most brilliant of satirists was Jonathon Swift, who sought to punish and ultimately destroy the irresponsible and the corrupt. In 1708 Swift conjured a satire against one Mr. Partridge, an astrologer who peddled predictions as well as advice. Assuming the name Isaac Bickerstaff, Esq., Swift began to publish his own starry-eyed pamphlets, in one of which he predicted Partridge would die.

Partridge, of course, didn't die on the specified date, but an undaunted Swift issued a statement commending "Bickerstaff's" accuracy as an astrologer. Despite several denials by a panicked Partridge, Swift continued his Bickerstaff papers until indeed the world belied Partridge was dead. Partridge never recovered.

Whatever his intention—noble or otherwise—Swift was engaging in something I call psychic violence, a thrill the more perverse among us might link to Dr. Vincent's theory. Allow me to explain.

A recent object of abuse on *Latent Ridicule*, what passes for my radio show on WUNC, was the Rev. Sister Ann, a lovable creature who makes a living as a psychic and spiritualist. A friend and I discovered her one day in the advertisement section of one of our nation's finer tabloid newspapers. The friend was Michael Huff, who, you may recall, was the mastermind in our high school days of the Cunnilingus Conspiracy, a grand and bold scheme to bring said diversion to the masses. It failed, of course, but the attempt set even the most

prudish of tongues in our community a-wagging. Those were indeed dancing days.

Several weeks ago, Michael called the Rev. Sister Ann and introduced himself as Rod Serling. "That's Rod, m'm. R.O.D." In the course of the conversation he told her he was a gay cocaine dealer who was bent on a child by his alcoholic father. The Rev. Sister said she could tell by Mike's voice that he really loved his father. Mike added that he sometimes beat his father, too.

Well, one thing led to another and eventually Mike had revealed himself to be the source of all evil in the universe. What concerned him most, though, was a dream he'd had recently. Jesus Christ had appeared to him and spoken these cryptic words: Victory can be yours for the price of two cats.

The Rev. Sister said evil lurked above Mike's head. (Or something like that. It was really rather poetic.) She asked if Mike wanted her help and Mike assured her he did.

There was then a pause that would have killed a lesser satire.

The Rev. Sister broke the silence with her best from-the-other-side accent. "Can you send me \$90?"

g We called her back that night but she said she was too busy at that moment to help poor Rod Serling, who now believed he was the Antichrist. Or at least too busy unless we'd send her money. And no, she wouldn't accept Rod's food stamps.

I called her back last week and haggled her price down to \$35 and a promise I'd send her the rest when I could. Why \$90? "I have to buy roses for my church," she explained. Ninety dollars worth of roses? "Well, roses and candles."

She agreed to listen to my problem that night because I sounded distraught. I told her I was Dion Peen a comedy writer, a stat I often made fun of people. I said I often felt bad about making fun of people. "Do you have some beads lying around that you can rub and say a-I dunno—a satirist's prayer for me? Yeah, I like that, a satirist's prayer."

She said she'd begin work for me that night on the promise I'd write to her. I asked if there was some way I might help myself. The Rev. Sister said I should pray in the "normal way" and leave the rest to her. Again, would I send her the money? I asked if she would teach me to pray the way she did. She informed that she couldn't. I didn't have "the power." "How can I get the power?" I implored.

"Why do you ask so many questions?" she asked.

"Why, Rev. Sister, is it wrong to ask questions?"

"No... are you making fun of me?"

I assured her I wasn't. Why should I? I'm ashamed to say what I did next. I got very angry and told her I was touched by her trust in me. "And I think you're touched, too," I added and clicked our conversation to a close.

I was angry. I was pissed at her because she hadn't offered any real help and she seemed interested only in gaining something herself. I was pissed because I hadn't come any closer to solving my problem. I was pissed at myself for picking on someone who was clearly unable to defend herself. And I was confused because I hadn't "gotten off" in quite the way I'd enjoyed in the past. It had all become serious and for pointing that out I feel I owe my favorite psychic something.

The check, Rev. Sister, is in the mail.

CHRIS GAY

Polls satisfy on both fronts

If there is anything unique about last week's election, it is that everyone seems to be satisfied with the results. The Democrats are grateful for seven new governorships and 25 new House seats. They can live with the return of "decent" Republicans such as Lowell Weicker. Republicans are glad that what could have been a disastrous 40 seat loss in the House was considerably less and that they retained a majority in the Senate.

Does this mean a dramatic change in course, the end of the "Reagan revolution"? I don't think so. There will be more difficulty for the President to form the necessary coalitions, but he will probably be able to do so when it really counts. Everyone, except the most hopeful liberals, some of whom are employed here, reads the 1982 election as saying "change course but don't abandon ship". I think that is what we will see in the next two years.

Wishful Democrats who say Reagan has had his day and who think they now have a mandate for reverting to the old, free-spending ways of the past are quite wrong. They forget that most of Reagan's important policies are already in place and not likely to be changed. The basic plan of spending and tax cuts should not be abandoned, though alterations, such as cutting Defense spending, are certainly needed.

Most Americans still hold the Democrats more responsible for out economic woes than Reagan or anyone else. What we will see for the next two years is, either compromise on both sides (though within the Administration's conservative agenda), or government by stalemate; Reagan will not hesitate to use the veto when necessary and Congressional overrides are not likely.

While I am in agreement with both liberals and conservatives depending on the issue at hand, I find flaw in an assumption of liberals which is the primary source of disagreement over economic policy. For some reason, liberals just cannot seem to grasp the notion that it is not necessarily the role of government to bestow benefits upon people. Sometimes it is in our best interest, if not to abolish, at least to curtail benefits, especially when the harm of their cost outweighs that of their initial and short-range good. No one is advocating the elimination of the welfare state, though many are fond of making that charge. What responsible conservatives do advocate is the restraint of its excesses, just as 50 years ago responsible liberals were not pushing for the destruction of capitalism, but protection from its excesses.

Another liberal notion I abhor is the one which holds that the aforementioned big spending policies are somehow "progressive" as opposed to the presumed "regression" of fiscal restraint. Why more and progressive and less regressive? Who is to say what is progressive and what is not until the future arrives and hindsight makes clear what the correct choices were? If liberals want to pursue 50 year old policies of chronically increased spending and its corresponding taxation and conservatives want to correct this, then who is really progressive and who is not?

Perhaps Richard Nixon was right the other day in remarking that Reaganism is the wave of the forsee-able future. If so, then the reactionaries of our generation are not the blustering, old moneyed, Babbitt-types who cursed "that man" and his new deal, and had to be dragged kicking and screaming into it. This time they will be equally stubborn toward the necessity of change and every bit as resistant to that which threatens their entrenched positions, which historians will find, not on Wall Street, but in the offices of a few thousand government bureaucrats and college professors.

Vinyl Hop

Stray Cats' 'Built for Speed'

Many groups, especially those in the new wave genre, claim to go back to the basics of rock and roll. Some of these try to do this with costumes, group titles, and other superficial garbage, attempting to give the public a false impression of the times, while peddling their form of music (which often has nothing to do with the golden age of rock and roll). The Stray Cats definitely do not fit into this category.

What you encounter when you put *Built for Speed* on the platter is simple high-energy rock. No holds are barred and no quarter given as Brian Setzer's hot guitar riffs and upbeat vocals lay into music which sounds like it's taken via time-warp from the fifties. The music is structurally simple, with usually only one guitar, one double bass, and a drum set consisting of a snare drum, a bass drum, and a crash cymbal.

The music of the Stray Cats was created for one specific purpose: to have fun, which is a change from the latest crop of "we're-all-gonna-die-cause-the-governement-doesn't-understand-us-working-class-blues" coming out of record factories these days. Rock and roll was originally party music, and the Stray Cats haven't lost sight of that fact. *Built for Speed* is a good time, probably as good a time as my father had when he was my age.

**** -Dave

the System of Justice at MWC. Justice is of utmost importance and especially important in closeknit community like ours. We are fortunate we have Student Leaders that are sensitive to the problem, and are working to solve it. But we must appreciate that change is slow and we must have patience.

It is easy to complain. It is easy to attack only things that are wrong and to neglect positive results. And maybe I have been a little on the bitching side too much lately. But everything I have stated has been the truth. It is my hope that by showing things as they are, the incentive for change will be greater. Some people are disturbed by my revelations. Sometimes the truth hurts. But the facts are there and must be recognized. A great disservice would be to ignore the truth. It may be easier, but it is wrong. However, I regret any inconvenience to anyone.

Despite my constant urgings for change here, my feelings about MWC are as follows:

MWC has a lot going for it, I am,

proud to be a student here. And, I too, am tired of all the negative talk. To get something out school you have to put something into it. But too many students refuse to participate. Because of the small size of the school, we need a great deal of participation. A nationally known act can't even sell out Dodd. About 25 percent of the school voted in the last major election. The attitude here is somewhat like Mark Twain's words about the weather, "everybody complains, but nobody does anything about it."

But that is not totally correct. We do have student leaders who are concerned and have made great progress here. And our Honor system is an extraordinary example of justice administered by peers.

There is a good social life here. Sure, bigger schools have more parties, but you'll meet more people here than at a big school. Mary Washington has made the most of it's resources. If the students want more, they will have to contribute more, by voting, attending school sponsored functions, and letting their concerns be known.

ART NEWS

Dance Company promises professional showing

by MARTHA WEBER

What has 40 legs, 20 heads, perfect rhythm, and gets very little sleep these days? Its the Mary Washington College Dance Company, who have been rehearsing (and rehearsing and rehearsing) their fall dance concert since early September.

"Works in Progress", which is slated for November 17-21 in Klein Theatre at 8pm and 2pm on Sunday, will offer a greater variety than past dance company productions. Instead of an emphasis on only one or two styles, equal time will be given to ballet, modern dance, and jazz. A professional troupe wouldn't please you more than MWC's company. And the price is right...there is no admission charge to see the inexhaustible talent of our own dancers.

The four piece ballet suite, choreographed by Dance Department Chairman Sonja Dragmonovic

Haydar, is set to the music of Frederic Chopin. Haydar explained that there is no story to follow (as with "Swan Lake" or "Nutcracker Suite"). Instead, the beauty of the music inspires abstract dance interpretation. The ballet section of the concert consists of a duet with Kellee Green and Carolyn Strozier - two of MWC's most inspiring talents. Jolie Long, Laurie Dickman, Mary Guy, and Carolyn Strozier perform a whimsical woodland waltz, lead by Strozier. Kellee Green and Charles Kennedy are breathtaking in a classical duet. The pair spells pure romance as they stretch, pirouette, and leap in perfect harmony. Green appears weightless in Kennedy's grasp as he holds her airborne in a perfectly controlled pose. Green also performs the only solo with her fast paced "minute waltz". Her grace is not lost in the tempo. Instead, her

skill is magnified by the difficulty of the piece, described by Haydar as, "beyond the college level."

The jazz section of the show promises and equally professional performance. Choreographed by dance department professor Jean Graham, (you saw her choreography in "Wonderful Town") the section is a seductive "bluesy" rendition of nightclub scene. Kathy Pike, Charles Kennedy, Carolyn Strozier, and Chris Dalen perform the adagio, a sultry uninhibited piece which allows the dancers to flaunt their versatility in movement. The fast-paced jazz number is entitled "A Different Kind of Blues" and is danced by the all-female cast of Katherine Aaslestad, Erica Claus, Nan Taylor, Kellee Green, Susan Haas, and Beverly Lee. Bring a fan for this number folks, they heat they emit could leave you scorched.

Iantha Hughes does a superior acting as well as dancing job in the modern dance part of the show entitled "Erbarmetich" (translated "Have Mercy Lord on Me"). Here she is a central figure, feeling remorse for her sins. The subordinate dancers, Kara Szynter and Susan Mulholland share her grief and together the three perform and intricate and highly controlled dance. The other modern dance number is entitled "Throng" - a gathering of dancers including Virginia Harrison, Susan Hill, Jocelyn Pomaes, Iantha Hughes, Katherin Aaslestad, Janet Bowers, Carolyn Strozier, and Jolie Long. There are a number of divergence-sand geometric forms made buy the dancers who rise and fall in small groups and as a whole. Both modern dance pieces are choreographed by Kelly Hogan.



Dance major Kellee Green

Show a little leg, gu

Thursday night you may see your favorite student leader, or that guy in your history class, or maybe even your boyfriend, IN DRAG the spotlight, in Dodd Auditorium.

The traditional Mary Washington College Wo-Man contest is an event to be remembered. 15 MWC male wigs, lipstick, false lashes, falsies, trying to walk in stiletto heels and imitating Tiny Tim - sight these men won't soon down.

There will be an evening of talent, and swimsuit competition. Professor Richard Palmieri will be Master-of-Ceremonies. SA Liaison Chairman Dan Steen will be returning Wo-Man queen.

Tickets are \$1. Buy them from Framar or Hamlet resident, Seacobeck Dome Room during non hours, and at the SIS office.

Fall formal '88 to bring 'class

by MARY SMITH
"A touch of class" will be the theme for this year's fall formal. Sponsored by Class Council, it will be held in Ann Carter Lee hall on November 13 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

According to Sophomore Public Chairman Debbie Young, "It's going to be very elegant." There will be more dancing room than usual due to smaller tables. Food and punch will be served in a nearby room rather than in the Ballroom and the hall will be in a more central location.

Jack Diamond and Friends, a piece band from Richmond, will provide a variety of types of music including '50s and '60s, rock, contemporary, reggae, jazz, band, latin, dixieland, and movie television themes. Jim Mason, Richmond music critic, "praises them heavily," Young said. "They perform frequently in Richmond, Shockoe Slip at the Tobacco Company and Gatsby's."

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Hegmann pleased with ECAC; looks to future

by VIC BRADSHAW
Athletic Director Ed Hegmann
any doubts about whether Mary
Washington should have joined the
Eastern College Athletic Conference
(ECAC), they were dispelled last

We joined the ECAC to give us
opportunities for postseason
play," said Hegmann. "It's already
off because the soccer team got
ECAC bid (they finished second
in the tournament which was held
last weekend).

This isn't really a major step for
us. We can't win an automatic
NCAA tournament bid from the
ECAC. What this means is that if we
are a good team which doesn't get
NCAA bid, it can be rewarded by
ECAC bid. It gives us a chance
for more recognition and makes us

more attractive to potential
students."

However, not every sport at MWC
is able to benefit from the ECAC
now. The conference, which has 241
member schools, currently offers
tournaments in all of MWC's men's
sports, but just four women's sports
— basketball, cross country, swim-
ming, and lacrosse.

"I imagine (the ECAC) will con-
siderably broaden its number of
women's championships," he said.
"We were promised that it would ex-
pand its number of women's cham-
pionships, and since (conference)
commissioner Robert Whitelaw is a
big proponent of women's sports, I
expect that women's tournaments
will increase reasonably soon."

While Hegmann is pleased with
Mary Washington's ECAC member-

ship, he does make it obvious that
there is another conference he'd like
to be in.

"We are an independent only
because we were forced to be by the
ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Con-
ference)," he stated.

"We applied for membership in the
ODAC. In our request we said that
we knew that the conference con-
stitution said that only private
schools were allowed. We requested
a waiver because we were allowed.
We requested a waiver because we
were so much like most of the
schools in the conference, schools
like Lynchburg, Roanoke, and
Eastern Mennonite."

"Their official statement said that
we could not be considered because
we were not a private institution.
They didn't even consider a waiver.

The reason they didn't consider it is
because they are envious of our low
fee structure."

"The ODAC seems to feel that since
we are cheaper, we can get better
athletes. I can sympathize with

our academic standards."

I'm not knocking them. It's all
part of the total picture. Every
school has its pluses and minuses,
and one of our pluses is our fee
structure. If I were in their shoes I'd
be a bit jealous too."

Hegmann hopes to remedy the
conference situation soon.

"We are going to begin negotia-
tions soon to start a conference of
our own," he said. "At first it would
just be a (men's) basketball con-
ference, but I think it may grow to
encompass more sports. This con-
ference would give the champion an
automatic NCAA bid."

"But we won't leave the ECAC.
You can belong to another con-
ference and still belong to the ECAC.
I think we'll maintain our mem-
bership there for quite some time."

*"Every school has its
pluses and minuses, and
one of our pluses is our
fee structure."*

them, however, I have a hard time
totally sympathizing with them
because often athletes that Mary
Washington rejects wind up playing
at their schools. They can get in
some kids that we can't because of

Sports Calendar Men's Cross Country

Nov. 13—at NCAA Division III Regional Meet

Women's Cross Country

Nov. 13—at NCAA Division III Regional Meet

Volleyball

Nov. 13, 14—MWC Invitational Tournament



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Marlene Moreno leads the Blue Tide pack during last week's race
Georgetown University's 'B' team. MWC won the race 28:29.



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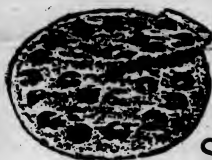
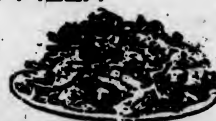
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Soccer team's season ends

by KENT RICE

Mary Washington College wrapped up its varsity soccer season with a second place finish in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament, November 5-6.

The Tide started its bid with a 3-2 victory over Ursinus College (Pennsylvania), last Friday. MWC led 1-0 early in the first half on a breakaway goal by Don Eckenrode before Ursinus scored the equalizer. Eckenrode tallied again on a second breakaway as the Tide played with a stiff breeze at its back. Rob Wood added another goal and an Ursinus penalty kick ended the scoring.

Frostburg State, led by an All-American sweeper, shutout MWC, 2-0, in the tournament final on Saturday.

As in the previous game, it was cold enough to see scattered snow flurries, but first seeded Frostburg was not to be denied its hard-fought victory.

Frostburg State just missed a bid to the NCAA Tournament after a 3-2

loss to West Virginia, and a 0-0 tie with Lynchburg in Frostburg's last two games. A year ago, Frostburg finished first in the ECAC South Region rankings and reached the NCAA playoffs but lost in the opening round.

The Blue Tide entered the tournament as the eighth ranked team in the Mid-Atlantic region of the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America (ISAA). The bid was the first post season opportunity in the teams history.

MWC players were satisfied, however, with their overall performance. Freshman midfielder Chris Trizna commented, "We finished the season with two well-played games."

Sophomore Scott Bienacker echoed this feeling, "It was a good way to end the season."

The Tide finished the season with a 7-6-1 record, pending the NCAA's decision on a rain-suspended game which MWC led 3-0 at halftime against Christopher Newport.

The season as a whole was marked

by the contributions of many talented freshmen and the emergence of upperclassmen more significant roles. For instance, Scott Bienacker (or "Einack" "Beenacker" or any number of names if one reads the Post's scores) helped pick up the slack of sophomore Bill Lohr who was injured the beginning of the season. Bienacker notched a team seven goals, the same amount as last year, but was a greater force on the field. He is now one goal behind Lohr's record of 15 career goals scored last year.

When asked about his role on team, Bienacker said, "I got a lot of chances this year because we played a different style of ball." Regarding the Tide's balanced offense, he noted, "Our front line worked really well. Coach Gordon really put it in line together effectively."

Next year's squad should continue to improve because only the seniors this year, including captain Eldon LeGaux,

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Byers captures first in CC meet

by DAVE WARREN

Freshman Jeff Byers set a new course and school record as he placed the Mary Washington College cross country team to a narrow victory at the Tidewater Conference Meet at Salisbury State College, November 6.

The Blue Tide needed six starters to take the meet and sported a field of four teams. Everyone had completed the 5 kilometer course, the score read: MWC 48, Christopher Newport 49, Salisbury State 49 and York 74.

Byers captured first place in the race with a time of 25:50, a course record and school record. That distance, Freshman Mike Beall finished sixth with a time of 29:00. Both Byers and Beall were given Conference honors.

Freshman Karl Stith finished 14th and juniors Ray Owens and Modrak finished 14th and 15th round out the MWC top 15.

Freshman Tom Parkham ran a personal best, 27:36 to capture an important 16th position. As number six runner, Parkham's position proved to be the determining factor in the race. Having passed Christopher Newport runner in the race, his position gave the team the one point advantage needed for the victory.

Freshman Brendan McCann, normally MWC's number two runner, badly twisted his ankle during the race, but boldly finished the course.

The Blue Tide travels to Lynchburg College this weekend for the NCAA Division III Regional